"LO A VOICE FROM HEAVEN"

The Church of God Evangel

ALL NATIONS MATT. 28:19

EVERY CREATURE MARK. 16:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Trials

BY ORA MAE RUFF

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy," 1 Peter 4:12, 13.

A trial is an examination by a test or a suffering of a temptation. I well remember when in school the dread we students would have resting on us a few days before our examination or test days came. How busy every one would get, studying diligently every previous lesson not knowing of just what the test would consist. We would endeavor to master every problem of past and present study so we could successfully cope with the test that would be presented to us by our teacher.

I feel that each of God's children must be tested, tried, or go through an examination. We used to rejoice over our one hundred per cent credits in school, but, oh, how we want the "well done" credit to be extended to us from our great Master Jesus.

Peter seemed to recognize the importance of the trial of our faith, for listen to his words, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ," 1 Peter 1:7.

When David was fleeing through the wilderness, pursued by his own son, he was being prepared to become the sweet singer of Israel. The pit and the dungeon were the best schools at which Joseph ever graduated. The hurricane that upset the tent and killed Job's children prepared the man of Uz to write the magnificent poem that has astonished the ages. "There is no way to get the wheat out of the straw but to thresh it out. There is no way to purify the gold but to burn it."—Talmage.

As one has said, nothing "happens" to the Christian. Everything that enters his life is sent or permitted to come by an all-wise and all-loving heavenly Father, and is designed for the perfection of character and the fitting-up and the enlargement of capacity for service. The rocks and rough places on the mountain side are the things we climb on. Even failures, if taken rightly, may become steppingstones to higher ground, is appealing to me. Yes, we seek to excel in the Lord. The feet that are to climb the mountain top must first tread the lowly valley. If it takes "valley treading," "tear shedding," or even fiery examination tests to qualify us for the title "Christian," I say let us glory or rejoice in them. The Apostle Paul in Rom. 5:3-5 gave us these words, "We glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." He also says: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution," 2 Tim. 3:12.

This apostle also gives a description of the sufferings endured by some of God's people in former ages; "Others were tortured, not accepting deliver-

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WHY FAIL?

WALTER E. ISENHOUR

Why fail to live a life worth while
When there's so much to do?
Just bear your burdens with a smile
And fight life's battles through.
Be up and doing with your might
As each day comes and goes;
Resolve to live and do the right
In spite of all your foes.

Do all the good you can each day
To all the folks you can,
And show to them there is a way
To live and be a man—
A man of aim and purpose great,
With ideals that are high;
A man who doesn't yield to fate
So long as God is nigh.

In ev'ry way that you can serve,
In ev'ry place you can,
Go forth and do not think to swerve
From God's most righteous plan;
But do the right, and do your best
For neighbors, friends or foes,
And hold your nerves, whate'er the test,
By all who may oppose.

As long as God may spare your life,
And give you strength and grace,
Oh be a man in all the strife,
And fill a hero's place;
And then your record here shall be
One noble, good and grand,
Which God and men delight to see
That shall forever stand

GOSPEL HERALD.

NOTICES

"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.

Pursuant to an order of the General Assembly, the General Secretary has made arrangements to have the books audited for the Publishing House, Tennessee Music & Printing Company, Orphanage, Tithes, Missions, Aged Ministers, etc., beginning August 15, 1938.

All those who owe accounts and wish to clear them before the books are closed should have remittance here not later than the 15th in order to have same included in this year's audit.—E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer.

The Parkersburg, W. Va. district convention will convene at Parkersburg church beginning July 15 through the 17. Management: Brother E. C. Clark, state overseer, and Brother S. B. McCane, district overseer, of Parkersburg district, in charge. We are expecting a great time with the Lord and visitors from other districts and churches. There will be special music and quartet singing throughout the convention. We take this opportunity to say that every church on this district, please bring a special offering for our district mission offering. All ministers are requested to leave off their regular services and attend this convention. The Parkersburg church is located on corner of 19th St. and Ohio Ave. Come and bring your string instruments. You are welcome.—S. B. McCane, 505 19th St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

Sister Mary Stapleton has resigned her office as clerk of the Church of God at Vanceburg, Ky. All mail intended for the clerk and church should be addressed to the pastor who is acting clerk until he can appoint someone in his place.—T. P. Douglas, pastor, Gen. Del., Vanceburg, Ky.

WANTED: Evangelists and musicians on the Northeastern district of Kentucky, from Maysville up the Ohio River to Catlettsburg and the Big Sandy to Louisa. There are some good towns and wonderful opportunities all through this section. We have churches and buildings at Vanceburg and Catlettsburg, also a few saints at Louisa and Harris. Harris is twenty-five miles south of Vanceburg in the country, but a good building is available and hospitable homes to stay in. There is only one other evangelist on this entire district besides me and one bishop who works in other states and districts. We have not had a real revival with any definite victory this year, owing to lack of help. The work has been neglected on this district until it has run down, so that we are facing an acute shortage of singers, musicians and altar workers, as well as preachers. Where are you, my brother and sister minister? What are you doing? just running around from your home state to somewhere else looking for a better place? Well, this is not the kind of minister the Church of God needs. No preacher has ever stayed his year out at Vanceburg and some did not think that the writer would stay, but we are here and expect to be until the Assembly. I can't do much evangelizing myself, except where there is someone to take an active part in the singing, music and altar work. When I have to lead the singing, praying, work in the altar and do all the preaching my voice breaks down in about four or five nights and then the meeting is flat. My lungs and vocal organs are weak but the fire of God is burning in my soul. Yes, in my bones too, and I can preach even if I am hoarse. Right now is a grand opportunity at Ashland, Ky., a city of some 30,000 people and lots of holiness people looking toward the baptism with the Holy Ghost and the Church of God. Who will come over and help us? I have worked harder this year than I ever have before and my health is breaking. I feel I can't go much further without a rest. Won't someone come this way and help us? I am sure that you can stand a few weeks of what I have stood a year, so come on, let us hear from you.—T. P. Douglas, pastor of Vanceburg and Catlettsburg and district pastor of Northeast district, Gen. Del., Vanceburg, Ky.

To whom this may concern: Our address is now 612 E. Edison St., Independence, Kans. We have bought a state parsonage there. Our old address was 1406 Elm St., Coffeyville, Kans. —J. T. Campbell, overseer of Kansas.

To the Church of God Evangel and to all the sick and suffering: I am glad that I can send you some good news of how God is still blessing the sick through sending me handkerchiefs. I wish to give you one sister's name and you can write her as I am not putting her testimony in the Evangel at this time. Sister Blanch Guthrie of Lapanto, Ark. She was sent to the state T. B. sanatorium in the last stage of T. B. and only weighed eighty and one fourth pounds and her mother received a handkerchief from me when I was in Lapanto in January. She sent it to her daughter and the Lord healed her and now she is well and walking the streets in Lapanto telling everybody she meets she weighs one hundred and one. She was unsaved, also her mother was unsaved, but now they both have the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God at Lapanto. If you want the facts concerning her healing, write to her.

All who will send handkerchiefs and be willing to clean up like she did, you can get your healing too. Be sure when you send handkerchiefs to send a stamped, self-addressed envelope. So many forget to send stamps and this expense is very heavy, and many times the parties are unable to send postage, so you that are able will you help us out by sending some extra stamps or an offering to help us carry on this great work for the Lord? Many have already responded when I write to the paper, but it seems they forget that I am continually receiving handkerchiefs and many not even sending handkerchiefs and I have to buy cloth to make them with as I can not afford to buy handkerchiefs, so I hope you will respond to this and not forget so soon that I have a continual expense, with no income whatsoever. Send all communications to 775 Harvard St., Akron, Ohio.—Brother L. G. Rouse.

Florida Bible School closes Friday night, July 22. Every one is invited to attend the closing exercises, which I am sure you will enjoy. Don't forget the date, July 22, at Wimauma, Fla.—Zeno C. Tharp, supt.

The Lord is blessing us in praying for the sick. I could mention several cases that I know that is a great work of the Lord's. I am not boasting in self, but in my Christ. I am glad to pray for you out in the big world of God's, all I want you to do is write me and send postage, just mailing expense; of course anything you want to send will be appreciated and used for the glory of God. I am a minister, not able to work, yet God uses me in praying for the sick. I am trusting God. I am looking to hear from the sick and suffering. God heals when last hopes are gone.—Yours in Christ, W. Haskell Compton, evangelist, Mt. Gay, W. Va.

A revival is now going on at Huntsville, Ala. It has been going for three weeks and we are having good crowds, and the Lord is blessing. We are praying for the Lord to give us a lot and a church building here in Huntsville. We surely need it.—Mrs. W. R. Haynes, 21 Front St., Huntsville, Ala.

The Church of God at Spring Place, Ga. will have a home coming July 24, the fourth Sunday. The speakers will be Brothers Latimer and Boehmer and visiting ministers. Everyone is cordially invited to come.—Ben Jones, clerk; J. H. Nix, pastor.

We are planning to start our revival at Pikesville on the fourth Saturday night in July. We ask the prayers of the saints that the Lord will bless in a wonderful way. Pray that many souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the

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The Wisdom of God

BY WOODROW C. BYRD, Evangelist

For a scriptural basis for this message, I call your attention to the Apostle Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter one, verses 17 to 14.

For a text I will use verse 25 of this chapter: "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

Here in this scripture lesson (please note carefully) we have God in His wisdom setting aside or destroying the wisdom of the world and man, making it foolish.

Verses 19 and 20: "For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" Now God has a reason for this act and Paul gives it in the next verse, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Also, the text says, "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." God never acts without cause or reason and He made man for His glory. All created things are for His glory. The sun, the moon, the rain, etc. are for His glory.

That the world in its wisdom knew not God is a proven fact. A person can secure a diploma from all the higher educational institutions of the whole world and this within itself will not give one knowledge of God. But there is a plan, though it has been classed foolish by those that perish, whereby all can be saved. It is the power of God. This plan has been divinely made by God in His wisdom to humble man and to glorify Him. The whole plan of salvation exalts God and not man's learning or worldly knowledge.

The wisdom of man doesn't understand spiritual things because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned."

The reason the preaching of the cross is classed as foolishness and was classed as foolishness in Paul's day, is because the cross is a spiritual term and spiritually discerned. Also, His choice of the simple Galilee fishermen to follow and carry the message was following His divine plan to confound the wise and mighty with weak and foolish things of the world. His plan is that He receive the glory and not flesh, 1 Cor. 1:29, that no flesh should glory in His presence, and we will have to follow Paul's instructions in verse 31, "He that glorieth let him glory in the Lord."

Let us consider His plan which humbles the wise and mighty and exalts God. First, Paul's manner of preaching. In verse 17 Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ sent him to preach the gospel which is the cross of Calvary and it was to be preached not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. This manner of preaching is to them that perish foolishness but *it is the power of God and wisdom of God*. Verse 24.

Yes, the cross still has power to save in our day if it is preached as the power of God and the wisdom of God. I am a young minister and unworthy to advise but I believe that to preach the cross as Paul preached it, though it is rugged and an offense to many of our modern-day pulpits, it will still produce death to sin and unbelief. Many may recoil and cry, "Slaughter-house religion!" but to every person, regardless of nationality, it is the power of God to save. It will still produce results as in days of yore.

We see Paul's method of preaching the cross in 1 Cor. 2:1-5, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to say anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

I fear today much of our preaching is done with the object as self-glorification but this isn't in God's way of preaching or of His wisdom. Paul laid aside his learning from Gamaliel and was sure his preaching was such that people would glorify God and their faith would be in the power of God. 1 Cor. 2:5, "But in the power of God also that the cross should be effective." 1 Cor. 1:17, "Not with wisdom of words lest the cross of Christ be made of none effect," or lest success should be ascribed to the flow of wisdom or words of force and art. He wasn't responsible for the spirit that got in them that made them cry, "Paul, Apollos and Cephas." Sure, the cross will give you salvation and not preacher religion. Paul wanted the cross to be effective and wanted God to get the honor for all the results. His manner allowed the crucified Lord to be seen and he was careful that nothing should dim its light, not even suffering.

You remember when the children of Israel were bitten by fiery serpents and were dying in the wilderness, God told Moses to place a brazen serpent on a pole and all who looked that were bitten lived. This serpent was placed in a position where the dying could see it. Moses didn't get on the pole himself or stand between the serpent and the people that he might receive the glory. His message to Israel was "Look and Live." John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God." The people went to hear rugged John tell of "another."

The simple, plain message will attract people still. John didn't cater to his congregation made up of Pharisees, Sadducees and Herod's (people with other men's wives). He blasted the outward formalism of the Pharisees by calling them "generation of vipers." They had shrunk away from all godliness and nobleness and withered into a mummy of a soul. God have mercy on the religious mummies that are in our churches. God makes one alive.

All the while John was preparing the way of the Lord. You can't be a weakling and dance to every one's tune and be a John C. Fermont, "the pathfinder." Preach the cross and lift up Jesus, be a voice of one crying in this world (wilderness). Make His path straight. This will attract people to hear this simple message.

After Catherine Booth had been establishing the Salvation Army among the poor of France, she rented a fashionable ballroom near the grand opera and preached the gospel plain and simple. All of Paris was stirred. The boulevard without was blocked with carriages bringing ladies dressed as for opera, and men also with evening clothes. When the Salvationist appeared, opera glasses came into play with laughing comments on every side. When Mrs. Booth knelt and silently prayed the whole audience rose up in wonder. "Is she sick?" asked one lady. "She is praying," was the reply. There was an exclamation of surprise at her kneeling in the dust regardless of her dress. Her subject was "Has God Left Paris?" At first as she spoke, upon the faces of the audience would be a look of amused wonder. Fans would be fluttering and glasses in use. There was that false simpering smile that is put on to hide the real feeling of the heart. But after awhile, as the power of God could be felt through the straight, yet tender words of the speaker, they would for-

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EDITORIALS

Important—Explanation

We are still receiving a few complaints from off the field, that the Sunday School literature did not reach them for the first Sunday in the quarter. The printing shop has been crowded with work, as we stated before, but this time I never saw printers work with more energy and faster than they did. It was estimated that they turned out one quarterly a day. The mailing clerks tell me that all the orders that came in early were mailed out in plenty of time to reach their destination and we can not understand why they did not unless there was a delay in the post office. There was only one shipment of literature sent out before the Teachers Quarterlies were mailed this time. It takes more time to compile the Teachers Quarterly than it does all the rest of the literature, and it takes a good bit of time to set the type, proofread and print it, and we do not hold the other literature for the Teachers Quarterly.

To those who are writing us concerning the literature being late, we have done our best to get it out on time and I am sure the orders of all those from whom we have received complaints left the House in plenty of time to reach you.

To those who have complaints of any kind concerning the Publishing House, please direct your complaints to the Editor and I will take great pleasure in looking into the matter and making you a prompt reply.

Brother J. H. Ingram's book, "Around the World with the Gospel Light," is now ready for shipping. We will be glad to have your order at once. Retail price is $2.00 each, special price to agents.

Prayer

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray *standing* in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking," Matt. 6:5-7.

Prayer is an offering up of our desires for things lawful and needful, with a humble confidence to obtain them through the alone mediation of Christ, to the praise of the mercy, truth, and power of God.

The admonition in the verses quoted comes from Jesus to His followers and is written for our instruction. There is nothing as important as prayer and it should come from a sincere heart of one feeling the need of God's guidance, not only in his own life but in the lives of others. We are not heard for our much speaking as some may think, but that heart that is touched with the love and power of God and feels the need of God's guiding hand and goes to Him in earnest prayer will never be turned away. There is nothing so important as our feeling that we must have God's guidance. In so many instances in the Bible the early followers felt that prayer was the only thing and without the guidance of the Lord they could go no farther. Even in the selection of the one to take Judas' place, they said, "Lord, thou knowest the hearts of men," and they asked the Lord to direct them in this selection. In fact, the early Church never did anything without first praying.

"And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full," John 16:23, 24.

Here Jesus infers that the disciples had not asked the Father in His name before this, but we do know that they had been taught to pray. Here, for the first time, Jesus makes the positive statement that those who ask anything in His name that the Father will grant it. This is true. We must ask in faith believing. This is a new basis of prayer, given to us by the blessed Redeemer, and I dare say that all those who ask in faith and according to God's divine plan and purpose have never failed to receive an answer.

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it," John 14:13, 14.

In this promise it is made plain that the Father must be glorified in the Son. All our petitions should first be to glorify God, for the good of humanity and to bring to pass His will upon earth. I believe those who are anointed to pray are most always in this kind of attitude before they offer their petitions but it would be good for us to consider and be sure there is no selfish motive in our petitions. Another thing, those who expect their petitions to be answered must keep the commandments of God. His commandments are not grievous and it is said that all the commandments are fulfilled in this one, "Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself." He whose heart is in this attitude may expect a reply from his petition for he will not ask things contrary to God's will and the best interest of those concerned.

After the first miracle persecution began and the apostles were confronted with opposition from the supreme council at Jerusalem.

"The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word," Acts 4:26-29.

It seems that these precious servants of God were greatly disturbed for they had been positively forbidden to preach the gospel and heal the sick. In verse 29 they called upon God to behold the threatenings and also grant them boldness, that they might speak the Word of God.

Now God is just as able to give victory to His servants as He was then. The most important thing to those ear-

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

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Better Service

Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches," John 15:5. Every branch is to be a fruit bearer.

In this chapter the branches of the true vine are described as *bearing fruit, more fruit, much fruit.* How many Christians bear little fruit? How many more professors bear no fruit at all? Read what Jesus says of all such, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away," John 15:2.

Every fruit bearer, or branch of the true vine, will desire to bear *fruit* and *more fruit*, and will be busy to that end. To bear more fruit and render a better service to God we shall need:

1. To improve our own Christian experience. The better we know the Lord and the more closely we walk with Him the better will be our service for Him. In the successful Christian worker a knowledge of the Bible, adaptability and training are all very important, but above all of these is the *positive personal touch with God.* Improve in this and you improve in all else.

2. More, and better praying is a part of the better service program. Reading, study, nor any other personal improvement exercise can take the place of that essential, deep heart communion with and devotion to God, in prayer. Fail in prayer alone and you will go nowhere in the Christian life. At every turn and in every forward move prayer must have a prominent place. Someone has said, "He who has prayed well has studied well."

3. Our better service program must be "as unto Him." It is God whom we are to please, only His approval counts. It is for His eye and ear we are to do and say all. The approval of men is not to be counted. A man starting to pick up something which did not belong to him first looked in each direction around him. His little boy who was with him, observing his actions said, "Father, there is one way you did not look, you did not look up." How much of our Christian service is rendered with our eyes merely on men, we feel good as long as our service is pleasing to men. A better service, a life of deeper spirituality, will have more of God's approval.

4. Any better spiritual service must be accompanied with a better interpretation and a closer application of God's Word, both in heart and life, and in principles and methods of service.

5. A better service and greater progress in our Christian life are inspired by the outlook ahead. We have only a little while to live and serve in this present life and should make the best of it. For there is a reward at the end of the way. That reward will be according to the degree of our faithfulness and service here.

Money

How money was spent in America last year:

For all religious work of all denominations	$550,000,000
Armaments	788,000,000
Liquors	5,000,000,000
Movies	1,053,000,000
Touring	5,000,000,000
Gamblers	$6,500,000,000
Tobacco	1,500,000,000
Cosmetics, beauty shops	1,000,000,000

—*Houston Times.*

It is said that in a certain place a group of Christians resolved that they would "speak evil of no man." As they kept this resolution a revival broke out in their midst. Revival is the normal condition of the church. It is ours to keep in the proper attitude to God, then it is His to keep the revival fires burning in us. May He teach us how to let Him have His way among us.

Seven Things Said of Jesus

1. God hath appointed Him "heir of all things." Heb. 1:2.
2. He is called the Creator of "all things." Rom. 11:36; Col. 1:16.
3. "He upholds all things by the word of His power."
4. He is called "the express image" of God.
5. He was said to be in "the brightness" of God's glory.
6. He "by himself purged our sins." Heb. 1:3.
7. He "sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." "Angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him." 1 Pet. 3:22.

A Lesson for All

1. All should know the story of Genesis, chapter one, that they might know man's origin.
2. All should know the story of Genesis three, that they might know how sin entered.
3. All should know John, chapter one, that they may know of redemption from sin and its source.
4. All should know Revelation, chapter twenty-one, that they may know the full redemption that is to come.

The Christian's Legacy

Patrick Henry, a great statesman of Virginia, before he died made a will bequeathing all his property to his relatives; and at the close he wrote this true sentiment: "There is one thing more I wish I could leave you all—*the religion of Jesus Christ,* with this, though you had nothing else, you could be happy; without this, though you had all things else, you could not be happy."

The Prodigal's Four Steps

"Came to himself," Luke 15:17. *His conviction.*

"I am no more worthy to be called thy son." *His repentance.*

"I have sinned." *His confession.*

"He arose and came to his father." *His conversion.*

A poor woman in Canton, China, used to sell cigarettes for a living but now that she believes in Jesus she will not do so but sells cookies instead. She gets less money from it and it is hard for her to make a living, but every month she brings twenty cents as an offering unto the Lord. Another old woman, a friend of hers, goes about on the streets mending clothing. She is alone in the world and the only way she gets enough to eat is by eating the scraps and refuse others have left here and there. She, too, brings her twenty cents each month to the Lord. Such appreciation and devotion would put many of us in the homeland to shame.

Praying Heart

I am convinced that nothing in the whole Christian religion is so difficult, and so rarely attained, as a praying heart. Without this you are as weak as weakness itself. With it you are irresistible. This, by some, would be thought a strange remark, and to savor strongly of fanaticism. But I tell you the church will have to turn over a new leaf on this subject, and take a new lesson on the subject of prayer. Frequent seasons of secret prayer are, in my own mind, wholly indispensable to keeping up an intercourse with God.

Let me say again and again, if you lose your spirit of prayer, you will do nothing, or next to nothing, though you had the intellectual endowment of an angel. If you lose your spirit of prayer, you lose your spirituality, and had better stop and break off in the midst of your preparations, and repent and turn to God, or go about some other employment, for I cannot contemplate a more loathsome and abominable object than an earthly-minded minister. The blessed Lord deliver and preserve His dear church from the guidance and influence of men who know not what it is to pray.—*Charles G. Finney.*

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

A Letter From Missionaries In India

Chengannur P. O.
Travancore, South India
May 31, 1938

Zeno C. Tharp, Secretary
The Church of God Mission Board
Cleveland, Tennessee, U. S. A.

Dear Brother Tharp:

God has certainly been with us throughout our journey. In dozens of ways we have seen and felt His hand guiding. The voyage itself was wonderful but the greatest joy is being here. When we came into sight of the harbor of Cochin, which, by the way, is the most beautiful harbor we have ever seen, our hearts leaped with joy, exultantly tearful that here at last was our new home, our field of labor; in fact a feeling that it was "our land" came over us.

Our ignorance of the language and customs could have caused us serious difficulty upon arrival, since no one was there to meet us, but we had already asked God several days previous to solve every difficulty, especially if it should be that no one should meet us at the port. The situation was already in His hands and step by step He opened the way and with very little difficulty we were brought right to Brother Cook's home. However, they had not yet returned from the hills and had not received notice of the exact date we were to arrive, which accounts for there being no one to meet us at Cochin. The natives rejoiced to see us, but were greatly embarrassed that arrangements had not already been made for us, and were naturally at their wits' end to know what to do for us. Someone prepared our tasty supper of boiled eggs, boiled cow's milk, and fresh pineapple, and we retired in a strange place, the only white people in miles, for there are no Europeans in Chengannur. Monday we enjoyed a native breakfast and lunch, but early in the afternoon Brother Cook's secretary came from his work in North Travancore. Though a native, he speaks English very well, and into his very capable hands all matters have been left, as he is accustomed to carrying for same in Brother Cook's absence; therefore, we have had no worry since. He arranged our room in the Cook's home, as had been planned for us, and has arranged for our meals, so that we are very much at home already. These good, humble people have been so kind to us and have given us such a warm welcome that our joy of arrival just increases each day we are here. News of our arrival spread quickly so that yesterday we had visitors almost all day long, some of them walking ten, twelve and even twenty-two miles to see us.

The hot season is closing; the monsoon rains will begin just any day. These buildings are upon a beautiful high hill, and we have enjoyed a cool breeze almost constantly since being here. We thank God that at no time on the voyage nor since our arrival have we actually suffered from the heat. Certainly we will be able readily to adjust ourselves to the climate and customs here.

Last evening the local pastor had prayer meeting at this house. Such a glorious meeting we had! God richly blessed us all together. Bible school is in session, another session to begin next Monday. These students came to the prayer meeting. A precious group they are. Both of us spoke to them through an interpreter, which was not so difficult as we had imagined it would be. God blessed our messages to their hearts and the great volume of praise warmed our souls. We clapped our hands as they sang, but when they began "At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light," we sang with them in English. Though yet somewhat tired from the long trip, during which we wished many times for a good Church of God service instead of the thirty minute Anglican service each Sunday on board the ship, we felt greatly refreshed after last night's meeting. We are both very happy for we feel we are in the very center of God's will. Just pray for us to stay right there and surely our lives will be a blessing.

These native Christians and workers send greetings to you in America, with the word that they are praying for all of you and covet your prayers.

Thank you for your cheery letter of the 16th, which we received yesterday, fourteen days after you posted it.

"Hello" to all and God bless you.—Ever your humble brother and sister,
Hoyle and Mildred Case.

Thirty-three Years of Missionary Work in the Tropics

I was born in Victoria county, New Brunswick, Canada, where I grew up, but like many other Canadian boys I went early in life to the U. S. A. where there were greater opportunities and bigger wages than in Canada. For some time I worked in Aroostock county, Maine, where I was converted in a holiness mission on March 26, 1899. God did a definite work of grace in my heart and soon I began to feel that He had a work for me. With this in view I went to the Bible School at Shiloh, Maine, on the 10th day of December, 1899, where God made Himself very real to me. After being two years in Bible School, I began to have a longing desire to get out and preach the truths that God had been burning into my soul. This desire was fully supplied when Elder Sandford came into the school one day and said God had laid it on his heart to commence a campaign to carry the gospel into every township in the state of Maine.

The writer and Brother James Gray had the privilege of being the first two, of a hundred and forty, who were sent out on this great mission. It is true we had many trials and testing times to pass through during this campaign, but many wonderful blessings and lessons of faith when God made Himself real and near to us. Later we had a campaign in Eastern Canada and then in New Hampshire.

While in New Hampshire I became very much troubled over some false doctrine which had crept in and was being supported by the principal of the Bible School. After much prayer and careful thought, I felt that it was the mind of God for me to sever my connection with the movement. This was naturally very hard to do, as I had received so much help and blessing in the school. It was on that sacred hill top that I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. But God had made it plain that I could not continue where I would have to preach error along with Bible truth. So like Abraham I left, not knowing where He wanted me. But the way was soon opened up and I enlisted in the ranks of the Salvation Army and went through the New York Training School. When the session closed, Lieutenant Crater and I were appointed for work in the West Indies. We sailed from New York on March 11, 1905, and arrived in Kingston, Jamaica, on the 18th. I was first appointed as assistant at the main station in Kingston, then some months later sent to Demerara to take charge of their main station in Georgetown. Early in 1906 I was sent to Trinadad where God wonderfully used and blessed me in His work. In 1907 I went tc Barbados where I was united in marriage to Lieutenant Almvall, who was also an officer in the Salvation Army, whom I had met in Kingston, Jamaica, when I came out from America.

After our marriage we were sent to St. Georges, Grenada. This proved to be

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CONVENTIONS

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," Heb. 10:25.

Linden, Fla. District S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention

The Linden district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention convened at Bushnell May 22 with Brother D. B. Fussell, Sunday School superintendent, and Brother Doyle Franklin, Y. P. E. superintendent, in charge. The convention opened with songs and prayer. The Lord blessed from the beginning and as God's people from all over the district lifted their voices in prayer the power began to fall and we were made to feel very much at home. Why? Because we could feel the good presence of God and the Holy Ghost. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.

The following speakers took part on the program: J. W. Coleman of Rock Hill, Sister Lula Jones, D. B. Fussell of Linden, Brother W. C. Byrd, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, Lucille Smate, Sister Lemuel Johnson of Leesburg, Catherine Stephens of Lacochee, Alma Franklin of Bushnell, Dairy Sparkman of Linden, Doyle Franklin, Brother E. L. Newton of Linden.

The following rendered special numbers during the convention: Miller Quartet, Russ Quartet, Leesburg string band, Rogers Trio, Brother Akins of Bushnell, Amelia Miller and Eloise Williams, etc.

Sunday morning the Sunday School reports were given and Brother Fussell spoke about the work on the district. All reports were good, but we are expecting even better next year. A basket lunch was enjoyed by all at noon. After lunch we were favored with special singing and music by the young people of the district. Brother Byrd spoke to us and encouraged us to move up. We appreciate the work he is doing in the state. An offering of a little more than $10.00 was taken for him and he gave it to the church at Bushnell to help finish the church. The Y. P. E. reports were good, but we expect them to be better next time. Brother E. L. Newton spoke in behalf of the Evangel and State News and secured four subscriptions for each paper. A blind man and his wife were with us part of the day and sang two specials. An offering of $8.59 was taken for them.

We were glad to have Brother and Sister Byrd with us at this convention and invite them back to our district any time. The convention closed about 4:00 o'clock and I'm sure the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's were encouraged to press the battle a little harder.

Young people, let's work while it is day. Let's give our best to the Master and instead of bearing evil fruit, bear precious fruit and God will surely reward us in due time. Pray for our Y. P. E. at Linden.—Daisy Sparkman.

Orphanage Receipts

For April, May, June, 1938:

Alabama	$239.98
Arkansas	24.56
Arizona	7.74
California	45.87
Colorado	3.41
Delaware	6.77
Florida	351.54
Georgia	146.18
Idaho	1.64
Iowa	3.93
Illinois	107.55
Indiana	60.92
Kansas	25.48
Kentucky	161.30
Louisiana	45.20
Maine	32.13
Massachusetts	1.00
Maryland	73.99
Michigan	123.83
Montana	17.09
Missouri	90.03
Mississippi	139.29
Minnesota	6.30
Nebraska	5.01
New Mexico	27.29
New Hampshire	3.00
North Carolina	410.62
North Dakota	38.56
Ohio	286.23
Oklahoma	37.37
Oregon	3.29
Pennsylvania	198.48
South Carolina	310.42
South Dakota	42.48
Tennessee	340.28
Texas	107.67
Virginia	102.76
West Virginia	303.24
Washington, D. C.	6.97
Washington (state)	18.33
Foreign (Canada)	9.14
Miscellaneous Receipts	12.50
Total Receipts	$3,979.37

MISCELLANEOUS

April, May, June

ALABAMA

Ladies' Bible Class, Anniston—1 quilt.

GEORGIA

Y. P. E., Albany—2 quilt tops.

Mrs. J. S. Brady, Waycross—8 dresses, 1 bedspread, 1 sweater, 2 towels, 1 pr. pillow cases, 10 hdkfs., 1 short coat.

INDIANA

Paul P. Carpenter, Ft. Wayne—7 dresses, 2 suits, 3 pr. overalls, 1 shirt, 10 yds. print, 1 dress, 1 blouse, 1 playsuit, 1 girdle, 5 books, 1 slip, 1 apron, 1 pr. pillow cases.

KENTUCKY

Mrs. Bill Underwood, Cromona—10½ yds. broadcloth, 9¼ yds. domestic.

MARYLAND

Church of God, Grasonville—Worn goods: 17 dresses, 2 ladies' suits, 1 shielder, 1 blouse, 1 slip, 3 prs. hose, 5 shirts, 2 coats, 1 pr. pants, 2 prs. shoes.

Mrs. Bertly Shudeller, Muncy—Worn goods: 2 prs. boys' pants, 3 prs. socks.

MISSISSIPPI

Y. P. E., Coffeeville—2 dresses, 1 pr. pants.

MISSOURI

Busy Bee Workers, Bonne Terre—1 quilt.

Mrs. J. M. Dalton, Cantwell—3 quilt tops.

Mrs. B. M. Ebersback, Pomroy—Worn goods: 19 prs. hose, 1 pr. shoes, 17 playsuits, 8 shirts, 4 dresses, 3 caps, 1 pr. overalls, 1 sweater, 2 bathing suits, 2 prs. sleeping wear, 3 prs. underwear, 3 sun suits, 1 pr. pajamas, 2 prs. stepins, 1 corset cover, 1 comb case, 5 blouses, 1 bunch rags, 1 book.

PENNSYLVANIA

H. C. Stoppe, Reading—12 dresses, 3 prs. snuggies, 1 vest, 3 prs. sleeping wear, 4 hdkfs., 1 rain coat and cap, 26 prs. socks.

WEST VIRGINIA

Church of God, Hartwell—2 quilts.

REVIVALS

Brother Stanley has just closed a members meeting at Winchester, Ky., which lasted two weeks. It surely has meant greater progress to our church, and made us all feel closer to God. It seems that we have a greater zeal to work for God. We also had Brother Crank with us a few nights and he brought some messages concerning the Church which were a great help to us. Sunday night we had communion service and feet washing. The Lord surely was in our midst. I think every one of the saints present felt the Spirit of the Lord. Monday night following we had an examining meeting and Tuesday night a conference meeting. We feel that the services have been very beneficial to us. Our Sunday School is building up also. Our aim is to help build up God's kingdom. We ask everyone to pray for us here at Winchester that we will go over the top for Jesus.—Miss Essie Abner, 71 Hill Street, Winchester, Ky.

Brother Curtis Hanks held a meeting at the Sheeptown Church of God in May. God blessed in a wonderful way. Souls were saved and sanctified. A glorious revival spirit was manifested, the church was edified, and the effect is still resting upon the public that will be long remembered. We are looking for another good meeting before the Assembly. The church praises God for Brother Curtis; he is a real man of God.—M. T. Lankford, Austinville, Va.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

Dear Evangel friends:

A report comes from the Jacksonville, Fla. Church of God, with Brother Jake Roberts as our pastor. We wish to say that he is one of the most unselfish men we have ever been privileged to know.

Our new church building, which many of you already know about, is slowly but surely nearing its completion, without a cent of debt hanging over her. Brother T. W. Godwin, our former pastor, started the building and Brother Roberts is finishing it. It is a building that will stand here as long as the tribulation saints shall have need of it. Sister U. D. Tidwell had the first vision of our block building here when she and Brother Tidwell were in Jacksonville. It has taken several years for the vision to materialize but at last we shall soon see it in its finished state.

While at the Wimauma camp meeting we met up with two of our B. T. S. sisters from Mississippi; namely, Sisters Lula Mixon and Martha Womack, and seeing their great zeal and power in singing the good gospel songs there in the camp meeting, Brother Roberts suggested we engage them for a revival if it was possible, and it seemed that God allowed it to be possible, so at present we at Jacksonville are in the third week of our revival. God is blessing, the girls are preaching the gospel without compromise and the devil is kicking plenty.

And just here I shall pause to appeal to all of God's children everywhere to offer up prayer in our behalf. It seems that someone near our church can't stand to hear us praying in the altar service. A complaint has been sent to the mayor, the police have been sent out and we've been asked to close out at 10:00 p. m. sharp. But seekers are in the altar pouring their heart out to God. Brother Roberts informed them he would not interfere with the seekers, that he would be afraid to. Today a warrant was served on our pastor. He says he does not want anyone to spend any money on his release if they should lock him up.

I tell you, beloved, it looks like our freedom of worship is going to soon be over, when a people who own their own church can't pray and worship God as becometh holiness.

Several have been saved and sanctified, I do not know the correct number, but five have received the Holy Ghost, for which we praise the Lord from the depths of our souls.

God is talking to the hearts of hardened sinners and we watch with longing heart to see them surrender their lives to God.

I have several loved ones who need this old-time salvation and I earnestly covet your prayers in their behalf.—Mary Lee Sowell, 1252 E. 15th Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

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On June 12 we had an all-day service with dinner served at the church. The Spirit of the Lord seemed to be in our midst from the beginning to the close of the day. Brother Ledford of the Dyer church was the first speaker. Brother Smith, our beloved state overseer, gave a touching mission talk at 11:00 o'clock, followed by an offering of $10.01 for foreign missions.

In the afternoon devotional, testimonies and a short Children's Day program, followed by short talks by visiting ministers concluded the services. Everyone seemed to go away with a sweet spirit and a good feeling toward the Church of God. Several visitors from other holiness churches were present. We covet your prayers as we are in great need of a church building. Brother J. H. Hart just closed a ten-day singing and music school here, which was a great blessing to the Church of God at Forrest City.—Estelle Halford, 807 West Cook St., Forrest City, Ark.

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BORGER, Tex.—Just a note of praise to the Lord for His good people. The Texas camp meeting is drawing near and we expect the most successful yet. And too, the Borger church is breathing a sigh of relief, she is out of debt once more. With the co-operation of this good band of saints and friends, we have cleared about $350.00 this year and I must say it has been a blessed year to me, the Lord gave us about twenty souls in our regular services, some sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We found some saints at Borger that are true blue Church of God, stand foursquare for the truth and we are praying that God will send laborers in this great field so ripe for harvest.—C. H. Mason, pastor.

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SEABOARD, Va.—The Lord has been blessing this year over the Bluefield, Va. district, including the district convention. In all there have been almost one hundred saved and a goodly number sanctified, about forty filled with the Holy Ghost, two new churches set in order, one new church house built and one remodeled. We feel that the work has been built up in general. We have a move on to build churches at two more places as soon as work and finance permits. (We have been hit very hard by the depression.)

Now we don't say that all of this good work has been accomplished by our efforts alone, but we have had some good coworkers who have put forth an effort for Him and the Lord has blessed our combined efforts. We set a new church in order last Sunday at Baptist Valley with nine members, all grown. In this number was one young preacher whom we feel will prove a blessing to the Church. This was Brother Jones who was at the state convention in Roanoke. He and his wife are good musicians and both came into the church.

Now we might speak a word about our good district convention that convened at Pounding Mill, Va., May 20-22. This convention was good from the very begininng. All speakers handled their subjects well as the dear Lord blessed. The speakers were Brothers Elgin, Elswick, Roby, Day, Moses Smith, A. J. Cox, J. L. Dorman and some others. We also had a wonderful Y. P. E. program from the Dumfordtown and Abbs Valley Y. P. E's.

We feel like our report would be incomplete without saying something about that wonderful unity that prevailed at the good old state convention at Roanoke, Va. Those good Virginia preachers—what fellowship! Some of these preachers I had not had the privilege of meeting before, but I surely feel that they all have the love of God in their souls, and my, how they did preach! If they preach all the time like they did at the convention, I feel that the devil will just have to give some clearance at least, and Brother Johnson, our esteemed Assistant General Overseer, surely did some wonderful preaching there. It seems I can still hear those encouraging words from him, and Brother J. L. Dorman, our good state overseer. We hope the dear Lord directs those in authority to send him back to Virginia another year. Please pray for the advancement of the work of the district.—A. J. Cox, district pastor.

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The pastor of the new church is E. Ray Kirk; trustees for new church at Parrott, Va. are Fred C. Minnick, D. E. Hamblin, R. C. Purdy. About thirty members have stood the test and been loyal to the Church of God and are shouting the victory. They paid every dollar cash in hand for the property and will get possession July 1. Hurrah for Parrott! Thank the Lord for the church and best of all, it is deeded to the Church of God with Headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.—W. I. Bass, district pastor, Box 375, Pulaski, Va.

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OAK HILL, W. Va.—A nice build-

ing of cement cinder blocks was erected in August, 1937, through the efforts of the district overseer of Fayette county, H. S. Smith, and was completed in time for the Fayette county district convention, May 6-7, 1938. The convention was conducted by our state overseer, E. C. Clark. Two new churches have been organized on our district. We are hoping to begin construction on a new church building at Layland, W. Va., where a tent meeting is now in progress, Brothers Moses Smith and G. O. Hill doing the preaching. We would like to get in touch with a good evangelist who furnishes his own music to conduct a revival in the new church at Oakhill, W. Va., immediately.—Brother H. S. Smith, Pettus, W. Va.

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ALTOONA, Ala.—In January we began having prayer services from house to house. God blessed from the first service. I can make only a partial report, though many have been wonderfully blessed. Brother Allen Mayo and wife who have been life-long Baptist have received the Holy Ghost and are desirous to join the Church of God. Many nights the dear Lord wonderfully blessed and the altar was filled with seekers. To make it brief, I have never seen better interest and better results. Bless His wonderful name! Although the enemy has certainly been working, thank God, we are rejoicing while he tries to hinder.

On last night, June 19, we met in Brother Shaver's home and God was with us from the first song. After a praise service, in which waves of glory filled the very atmosphere, Brother Cahela brought a short message and gave an altar call. Fifteen or more fell in the altar, ranging from children to fathers and mothers and, thank God, as a result daughters and mothers praised and shouted the victory together. Ten stood and bravely testified that God had wonderfully blessed them. Some little girls danced for quite a while. My baby girl nine years old requested prayer that she might meet her mother who a few months ago went to heaven and after pleading with uplifted hands for a hour or more God wonderfully saved and sanctified her and she danced one and a half hours. After we came home she continued to shout and dance till late in the night, and praise God, she arose in the morning shouting and dancing, saying, "I'm soon going to be with the King of all kings." Well, glory to Him who does answer prayers.

Dear saints, please pray for this community around Snead, Ala., for the enemy is doing his best to defeat our efforts, but thank God, His love and grace is sufficient.—J. A. Lindsay.

THE WISDOM OF GOD

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get themselves and be lost in the subject. Fans would drop folded, glasses forgotten and the mask of indifference drop. Longing could be seen on the faces. It showed beneath the mask that the heart had not been quite deadened by false joy and empty folly of the Paris world. Some of the ladies who had not come prepared to weep, were, however, unable to keep back the tears which washed away the rouge, and as they wiped away the tears, they wiped the paint with them, making handkerchiefs red and faces pale. God give us a spirit like John the Baptist and Catherine Booth had, also Paul the Apostle.

Gal. 6:14, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." Paul cried, God forbid that I should glory in any thing but the cross. Many glory in their posterity, like the Jews who said, "We be Abraham's seed." Some glory in possessions but all of this is false glory and unworthy to hinge the destiny of soul on. Our clothes stand between us and nakedness. Our schools stand between us and ignorance. Our parents stand between us and the orphanage. Our laws stand between us and lawbreakers. And the cross is the power and wisdom of God to save us from eternal death. So let us say in everyday common language that the cross may not be eclipsed. The cross doesn't need a dress suit, neither does it need garnishing. Let it be seen in its rough, plain features and the millions of earth can live. There is more power in the doctrine of Christ crucified than all earth's wisdom. Paul preached Christ and Him crucified. 1 Cor. 1:23. This was a stumbling block to the Jews as they expected a king to come and set up his kingdom and it was foolishness to the Greeks. They couldn't understand how we could live through one dead or be blessed through one cursed, or justified through one condemned. God's plan and His wisdom is such that it meets our needs.

The great Sam Jones, commenting on the preaching of the cross or Christ crucified, said, "When preaching Christ and Him crucified, many preachers preach their names and self dignified." Fannie J. Crosby, though blind, had seen Calvary when she wrote the great poem "Near the Cross." With her my spirit cries,

"Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Near the cross a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross, O Lamb of God,
Brings its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting, ever;
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.

Chorus:

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river."

Another point for consideration is "His wisdom of calling which is unwise to many." 1 Cor. 1:26, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called."

In studying the Bible and the type of men God called as bearers of His Word, I find that Amos was a herdsman, Elisha was a plough-boy, David was a shepherd boy, the early apostles mostly were fishermen, ignorant and unlearned, but they had been with God. Levi was a publican and was base in the eyes of the religionists of his day but God has taken base and foolish things and has confounded the mighty. D. L. Moody, after his conversion, testified in his church and the pastor told his guardian not to let him testify in his church any more as his speech was so incorrect, but it wasn't long until Moody was preaching to the thousands and the pastor was sitting back and listening to the boy that he didn't want to testify in his church. God chooses the ant to wake up the sluggard and to make him or her wise. Yes, the weakness of God is stronger than men. We wish to comment on this statement in conclusion.

I am sure Hitler or Mussolini wouldn't think of conquering a city like Joshua captured Jericho. This would be foolish to them but the weakness of God is stronger than man. No doctor would prescribe a remedy for the blind like Jesus did to the man born blind. But he washed in Siloam and came seeing and that one thing he knew. Naaman glorified in the rivers of Damascus but the foolishness of God is wiser than man so Naaman washed in muddy Jordan and his leprosy left him. Sure, the prophet Isaiah is right. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

A small place well filled is better than a large place poorly filled; as the one who fills a small place well is usually promoted while the one who fills a large place poorly is usually fired.

NOTICES

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Holy Ghost. Pray that we will have an old-time Pentecostal meeting and the power will fall.—Bertie Manning, R. F. D. 1, Scottsboro, Ala.

We are to begin a revival July 10 with Brother T. G. Pearson doing the preaching. Pray that many souls will be saved. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.—Roy Douglas, Moorhead, Miss.

The dedicatory service for the Church of God at York, S. C. will be July 24. Brother A. V. Beaube, state overseer, and Linwood Jacobs, district overseer, will be present and all the pastors on the district have a special invitation, with your church members included, to come for the day and bring a well-filled basket. We will have dinner on the ground. We extend the invitation to the North Carolina churches.—John C. Padgett, pastor.

To those desiring to go to the 33rd Annual Assembly of the Church of God, if we can get as many as thirty to go we will go for $2.50 each, round trip. Please drop us a card if interested and we will give our route and stops along the road. Get your card to us by the last of July. We want to get there in time for the Bishops' Council.—Willard Gentry, 2nd St., Benton, Okla.

A revival began July 2 at Simms, Tex. This is a new place for the Church of God. Many are looking this way since our two previous revivals this summer in this vicinity. Sister Cleo Johnston and the writer conducted both meetings. The enemy did his best but we overcame him by the help of the Lord. Be sure to pray for us in this revival as we do not have any help.—Vessie D. Hargrave and wife, Simms, Tex.

I am here in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. in a tent revival which started July 4. Those wishing to write me may do so by addressing your mail to C. E. Richard, Gen. Del., Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Brother K. D. Beaube and Sister Nellie Beaube, please correspond with the Church of God at Big Spring, Tex. —Juanita Lee, clerk, Gen. Del., Big Spring, Tex.

Greetings to all in Kentucky and elsewhere who are interested in the state camp meeting and convention in our state. Our meeting begins July 25 at 7:30, running until the 31st, inclusive. We are expecting as our guest speakers Brothers J. H. Walker, General Overseer, Earl P. Paulk of Greenville, S. C., C. H. Standifer, overseer of Indiana, also we hope to have Brother W. J. Milligan, pastor of the local church at Cleveland. (Brother Latimer, we extend this invitation to you also.) We have the promise of having Brother L. T. Waters and wife with the Burnett Sisters Trio of Texas. We especially invite all our singers and musicians of Kentucky. Of course we invite the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We humbly request that all ministers attend, if possible. We kindly ask that all revivals be closed for this meeting. Special interest will be given to the mission interests, Y. P. E., Sunday School work, the Ladies' W. W. B's and in fact, every department of the church. Don't miss this great meeting. Come, come and pray for this meeting. Entertainment will be as last year, each one will be expected to take care of himself; rooms and meals can be had very reasonable.—T. M. McClendon, state overseer of Kentucky.

The Washington camp meeting will convene Aug. 4-14, eight miles northwest of Washington on R. F. D. No. 3, Rt. 17. There will be guide signs to enable you to reach the Church of God camp ground. Entertainment for camp meeting; meals at reasonable price; sandwiches and light lunch; camps on the ground free. Please bring sheets, pillows, and quilts, and the straw beds will be free. Plan now to spend your vacation at the camp meeting.—F. D. Hardy, district pastor, Washington, N. C.

There will be a home coming at Henderson, N. C. Church of God the fifth Sunday in July. Everybody is cordially invited. Be sure to bring a well-filled basket.—J. C. Leonard, pastor, Henderson, N. C.

There will be an all-day meeting at Rebecca, Ala. the third Sunday in July. Everybody is welcome. We enjoy seeing our good brothers and sisters come. We are expecting the saints from Cedar Springs, Lawrenceburg, Mt. Pleasant, Sunny Side, and Decatur. Everyone please pray that we will have a wonderful day in the Lord. This little place is about two and one-half or three miles north of Lexington, Ala.—Mrs. Hebron Murks, Loretto, Tenn., Rt. 2, c/o R. L. White.

The Northern states convention of the Church of God (colored work) will convene in Morristown, Pa. Sept. 14-18. —C. F. Bright, state overseer, 2436 Dennis St., Jacksonville, Fla.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God in Raleigh, N. C. the first Sunday in August, the 7th. We are looking for Brother E. W. Williams to preach for us at 11:00 o'clock. We want all Erwin district to come and bring a well-filled basket. Everybody bring your string instruments. Pray that we may have a great day with the Lord.—Mrs. Nova Liles, 815 N. Bloodworth St., Raleigh, N. C.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God in Newton, Schoolfield, Va. the third Sunday in July. There will be all-day services and dinner on the ground. Come and bring a well-filled basket. We expect this to be a memorable day in the Lord with good music, singing and preaching. Our state overseer, Brother J. L. Dorman, is expected to be present. We also intend to start a revival under a large 60x90 tent in the near future with Brother W. R. Messer as evangelist.—A. O. Stewart, pastor and district overseer, Box 171, Schoolfield, Va.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Mt. Pleasant (country), Granville, Tenn., Rt. 1, July 17. We are hoping to have Brother Albert Teaster with us as we have written him to come and start a revival on that date. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket and have a good time in the Lord.—B. W. Apple, clerk.

We are starting a revival Sunday night, July 17, here at Woodruff, S. C. with Sister Helen L. Morrow doing the preaching. We are expecting a great revival. Please pray for its success.—Ruby Lee Smith, Woodruff, S. C.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Kentucky: Our state overseer has asked that each department of the church take part in boasting the mission offering at the state camp meeting this year. Now please don't let the Y. P. E. and the Sunday School tail the list. I would like for each Y. P. E. to make a special drive for a liberal donation, also the Sunday School can't be behind, boost your regular offerings and put forth special effort outside the regular offerings, have a fat treasury and come on to the camp meeting ready to make the mission offering swell and thereby help in getting this good message we like to shout about to someone else. — L. S. Cooper, Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent of Kentucky.

There will be a home coming and all-day service at the Church of God at Mt. Holly, N. C. Sunday, July 24. Everybody welcome. Come and bring a well-filled basket. We invite all former members and also all churches on the Charlotte district to be present, also the near-by districts. Come and bring your music and all your singers. Brother E. L. Simmons, district pastor, will be with us. Everybody please bring a dollar as it will be the beginning of a new church. We are also going to start a revival that date, having for our evangelist, Brother Frank Darnell of South Gastonia.—T. M. West, pastor, Mt. Holly, N. C.

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REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." Hab. 3:2.

ELBERTON, Ga.—We just closed a four weeks' revival at Elberton, Ga., June 27. Myrtle Whitehead and I did the preaching. This is a new field. We had the Y. P. E. tent of Georgia. Some told us when we went there we would never have a revival in Elberton. Oh, thank God, there is no place too hard for the Lord when we put our trust in Him, fully depending on the Lord for everything. He will go before us and fight our battles for us. We found a few Pentecostal folks who were looking to the church. They have been listening to Brother Paulk's programs over WFBC, Greenville, S. C., also Brother J. C. Childers program from Anderson, S. C. They said they wanted to come in with us if we were the same church as the one Brother Paulk and Brother Childers pastor. People were hungry for the gospel and we had a victorious revival. The Lord blessed in every service and the altar was filled most every night. Thirty were saved, fifteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and a church was set in order with nine members. Brother Duck of Hartwell, Brother Mauldin of Lavonia and some of the brothers of Elberton are now making plans to build a nice rock church soon. We certainly appreciate the work at Elberton. Brother Duck is pastor of this work. He is one who can put things over for the Lord. We are expecting the church to grow with a greater membership before the Assembly.—Pauline Jackson, Walhalla, S. C.

COMBS, Ky.—Brother E. B. Lawson has just closed a three weeks' revival here at Combs. Eight were saved, five sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. There was large attendance and we were not having any meetings here at all. He left us all encouraged to go on. Pray for this little church at Combs that it might go over the top.—Sister Lucy Sellers, clerk.

STATESVILLE, N. C.—We have just closed a good tent revival in Statesville. Forty-six were saved, twelve sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. The 40x60 tent was full most every night, with many outside. Brother Lavelle of Mooresville did most of the preaching. Brother Tidwell of Kannapolis was with us some, also many others.—Ray Collins, pastor, 1127 8th St.

MONIAC, Ga.—I praise the Lord for old-time victory. In daily consecrating my life to God I find He can use a poor little weakly vessel like me any time and anywhere on life's journey to help the lost to find God. He's my help and and my guide, my daily strength and the shepherd of my soul and I shall not want.

I praise the Lord for the good revival we just held at Baxter, Fla. (Moniac, Ga. P. O.), Brother Claude Stokes in charge. This is a new place. We began services out in the open but the Lord moved on hearts and gave us a dwelling house, so we got it seated and went ahead. Oh, how God did bless. About fifteen were saved, several sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting closed but we still have prayer meetings and God is blessing. We are expecting a new church here in the near future. We already have a Sunday School with an average attendance of seventy-two. When you pray, remember Baxter. If Brother Joe Thompson sees this, please come over our way and run us a revival. Let us hear from you. Pray for me that I'll always be a soul winner and continue to lift up Jesus wherever I go, and always be found in the will of the Lord. Pray for my unsaved companion and loved ones to be brought into the fold.—Mrs. Mabel Lane, c|o Staton Yarbrough.

CONCORD, N. C.—The second Sunday in May we closed a successful revival in Concord. Myrtle Whitehead and I did the preaching. Twenty were saved, fifteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost. They have a nice new brick church in Concord, a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. There are lots of young folks there who have salvation and have the fire burning in their souls. We had the co-operation of other churches while there. Brother Tidwell and the good folks of Kannapolis came over and we appreciated their help so much. We also had some of the folks from Charlotte. The Charlotte Trio did some good singing. Brother and Sister Hathcock and Sister Ruth Baldree were with us one night, Brother and Sister Williams, state overseer and his wife, were with us one night. We found some good folks in Concord. God is surely working in that city. I love the state of North Carolina and like so much to work with you.—Pauline Jackson, Walhalla, S. C.

REVLOC, Pa.—We praise God for the revival just closed at Cressleys Corner, Pa. It lasted two weeks, from June 12-26, with Brother G. W. Grubbs evangelist. We feel there has been much good done. The church was blessed and lifted up by the deep messages brought by Brother Grubbs. One was saved and two reclaimed. At the close of the revival we had baptismal service, at which time three were baptized in water. Brother Grubbs' address is Box 65, South Heights, Pa. He is a good evangelist, goes right down in the Word of God and brings out the deep things. He spends much of his time in prayer.—J. K. Morgan.

EDITORIALS

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ly followers was that they might be able to speak the Word of God and to stretch forth their hand to heal. It seems to me that the Church should get back to those days of power. The first thing is to be willing to do these things, then we must have God's approval and His power. We can not do the things God would have us do without His presence and power.

It is said that "when they prayed, the place was shaken." When we get in earnest about carrying on for God and doing things just like He says for us to do, His presence will be with us to the extent that it will be felt.

They were filled with the Holy Ghost and spake the Word with boldness. It seems that this was a refilling or a manifestation of the abiding Holy Ghost. In all probability most of us need a refilling. I wonder if we are as in earnest in preaching the Word to the lost and having power to heal the sick as we are in the promotion of government and other things that are really necessary. I am afraid we are stressing finance and material things too much and leaving off the old-time love, power and blessings. There seems to be a lack of brotherly love throughout the Church in general, but a spirit of criticism has been made so prominent that I feel the Holy Ghost has been grieved. I tell you, if we will possess that degree of brotherly love one for another, it will help us to throw a mantle of charity over the imperfections of our brother. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted," Gal. 6:1. Now if we loved one another as we should and possessed the spirit of meekness, we would go to our brother who is at fault and tell him of his error in a kind, loving way, instead of telling everybody else of his faults, even magnifying them, and trying to hurt his influence and push him down. The brother in need is the brother we need to help, and the above scripture says "lest thou also be tempted."

I remember when the Methodists in their conferences left off prayer and the things that prompted brotherly love and the best interest of the church and their conferences were nothing more than a political wrangle and desire for position, and for many years the church was dead and its power gone. Just in recent years they have seen their mistake and begun to be more serious. Oh, dear brethren, may this not be our sad fate.

REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6.

Please pray for my little boy to be healed. He has been sick for almost seven months with stomach trouble and cold. I know God can heal for He has healed me many times. Also pray for me that God will heal me of smothering and kidney trouble. Pray that my husband and brothers will be saved and that my backslidden sister and father will get back to the Lord. My mother and I wish to get closer to the Lord so pray for us.—Mrs. Gladys Long, Upperco, Md.

Please pray for me. I have an arm that I can hardly use at all. Pray that God will heal and give me the use of my arm, and that He will take away nervousness. I am a widow and have a great load to carry, so please pray earnestly that the Lord will make a way for me and that I will do His will at all times. —Lela Sims, Rt. 3, Sevierville, Tenn.

Dear Evangel family, please pray that Jesus our Savior will heal my poor husband of rupture and heart trouble. He suffers so much. Pray that God will save his soul from sin. Saints everywhere, please pray for him; also pray for four unsaved orphan boys.—Mrs. Bob Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

Please pray for Miss Mary Gandy, she has been sick for several years. She is very nervous. Someone write her an encouraging letter. Her address is Rt. 1, Falkville, Ala. Pray for Mr. Roman Morgan. He has asthma and almost smothers to death. Also pray for Mrs. Annie Howell, Rt. 3, Danville, Ala. Someone write to her; she is bedfast most of the time. If any one knows the address of Mrs. Carrie Halmark, formerly Carrie Woodal, please write to Buford P. Hubbard, Rt. 1, Falkville, Ala. —Mrs. Hattie Hubbard, Falkville, Ala.

Pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I am badly afflicted with heart trouble, high blood pressure and kidney trouble. I am only saved, but I want to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Also pray for Sister Angel, a neighbor of mine, who has cancer of the mouth and is hardly able to be up any.—Homer Graham, Rt. 1, Bald Knob, Ark.

I haven't attended church for quite a while. I have backslidden and I have a daughter who has backslidden also. My daughter has tuberculosis and we certainly would appreciate the prayers of all the Christian people.—Mrs. May Whatley, 4314 Sycamore St., C. P., Birmingham, Ala.

Pray that my husband will realize his lost condition and turn to God before it is too late. Pray earnestly for the healing of Sister Ard Little's granddaughter. She is five months old and has been sick since her birth.—Mrs. Louise Rodriguz, Folsom, La.

Pray that my brother will be completely healed. Prayer is all that saved him from death. Pray for me to continue to gain and be healed. Pray for my mother to be healed too. Also pray for my oldest brother and his wife as they have lots to go through since we have all been sick. I am in the sanatorium and they say it will be a long time before I will be well but I am trusting God will heal me sooner. Everyone please offer up a word of prayer.—Pearle Mae Mitchell, Waverly Hills, Ky.

Please pray that my husband and daughter will be saved and my body will be healed, especially my sinus trouble.—Mrs. H. E. Steelberg, Box 177, Marietta, Ga.

We are in a revival at Allens Chapel and we desire your prayers for our success and that souls will be brought in to the kingdom of God.—M. L. Muse, Sardis, Miss.

Dear saints, pray for me that I will be somewhere working for the Lord when He comes, also pray for my loved ones who are out in sin that they may be saved. Pray for our Y. P. E.—Miss Beulah Copen, Princeton, W. Va.

Pray for us here. There is going to be a revival here and the devil is trying to get everybody he can. If any one feels led to come to this place, please come. We have the school house for the meeting and lights for it. Please pray for me. The dear Lord saw fit to call my husband a year ago last May and left me and my two-year-old baby in this old world of sin alone. Pray for us here at Mount Hebron.—Mrs. J. W. Harper, Mount Hebron, Calif.

Pray a special prayer for the healing of my mother's and daddy's bodies. My father has something like leakage of the heart. He is unable to work now. Pray for me as I need your prayers.—Miss Claudie Boswell, Heflin, Ala.

Please pray that the Lord will heal my body. I have been in bad health for some time. I am a believer in God for He has touched my body before. Help me to have more faith by your prayers to God and for me to get closer to Him. —Mrs. E. L. Ponder, Eupora, Miss.

I now have my fifth tract on "Healing of My Body." If any one wants one, write me. You remember about me getting my limb broken the first of February. I wholly trusted the Lord. I can take a few steps now without help. Please pray for me that I'll be able to walk before long, if it is the Lord's will and will be able to go to the Assembly. Pray for a dear brother here who is badly afflicted in body that God will heal him.—Your sister in Christ, Mary Lynch, R. F. D. 2, Buford, Ga.

We are starting a revival here at Piney Grove, July 3. We request the prayers of everyone that it will be a success and many souls will be born into His kingdom and added to His church.—B. H. Smith, pastor, Rt. 1, Selmer, Tenn.

My girl is still in the hospital and doesn't seem much better. Please pray a special prayer that she may be healed. She has diabetes and that disease can't be cured only by the power of God. If you feel led to fast and pray, please do so.—Neata Underwood, Rt. 3, Willard, S. C.

Pray a special prayer for us that God will continue to bless us in putting a revival over the top in a new place for the Church of God. No one has been able to get the Church of God doctrine in this little town before and God made it possible for us to lease a building for one year and we are headed for a new church and a new Sunday School. The saints of this town are taking on new courage and thanking God for His Word preached in its holiness. The services are conducted by the writer. — Ed Cox, Twila, Ky.

I request prayer again for the complete healing of my body. I am some better and thank God for it, but yet I am very badly afflicted in body. Pray earnestly for the healing of my body. I have three dear sons out in sin, I want you to pray that they will give their hearts to the Lord before it is too late. —Arela Moore, Rt. 2, Box 8, Milton, W. Va.

Pray a special prayer for Sister Curtis Little as she is in a serious condition. The doctors say an operation is the only thing, but we know that God is able to heal. If anyone feels led, send an anointed handkerchief. Pray that her husband will get back to Jesus, also pray for the church here. Hold me up in prayer that I will ever be faithful until He comes or calls and my home will ever be a home of prayer.—Mrs. Alonza Fordham, Rt. 2, McRae, Ga.

Pray for my baby. She has the measles and has taken cold.—Mrs. C. D. Nine, Rt. 2, St. George, W. Va.

As I am here about three miles west of Merigold, Miss. fighting sin in the face of much opposition. I covet the

prayers of all the good folks everywhere in behalf of the revival and in behalf of my voice. We need much prayer and co-operation from near-by Church of God saints, especially ministers, this being a new field for holiness and the Church of God.—Mary E. Wright, Gen. Del., Merigold, Miss.

Please pray for the healing of my afflicted body.—Gibson Ray Boyles, Box 1042, Elgins, W. Va.

Pray for my husband to get salvation. Also pray for a friend that she will see the light on holiness.—Mrs. T. L. Cafe, Demorest, Ga.

Please pray for my mother and me to get salvation. Also pray for my husband to get saved and see the light on holiness. Pray for a friend to get back to the Lord.—Mrs. W. G. Gabrels, Habersham, Ga.

Please pray for me that God will heal my body of tuberculosis and of another ailment. I have been sick seven years. I would be thankful if God should see fit to heal me as I want to be able to go to church and Sunday School and take my little sons. I would appreciate anyone writing me.—Mrs. Allean Marritt, State Sanatorium, Alto, Ga.

Everyone please pray for an unspoken request, and that my unsaved family will come to God.—Mrs. J. B. Lockett, Pratt City, Ala.

Please pray for the healing of my body. I have been suffering with my side for over a week. I depend on the Lord for my healing because He has healed me many times. Also pray for the revival which we are now in here in Ladonia that many souls will be saved. —Louise Melton, 152 Commerce St., Ladonia, Tex.

Please pray for me as I am afflicted in body. Also pray for my soul and my loved ones. I am badly in need of prayer, and I know God can heal any disease.—Mrs. Ella Dillard, Box 385, Truman, Ark.

Pray for me that I will be healed of the dreadful disease of poisoned kidneys, and pray for my family that we will ever be humble, willing and ready at all times to perform our duty. Pray that my children will be saved and my husband will be filled with the good Holy Ghost. Sister Sparks asks that you pray for her to be healed of cancer.—Bloom Williams, Pangburn, Ark.

I am afflicted and need the prayers of each of you that feel you can pray a fervent prayer for me. We have no church in Jackson so I don't get to be with the saints often. Please remember me. If anyone cares to write us, send it in care of King Hotel, or WJDX radio station, Jackson, Miss.—Mrs. Roy E. Blackwood.

Please pray for my baby and oldest boy. They have a severe cold. Also pray for my husband's hip. He has been trusting the Lord for several years. Pray for us to be overcomers. We are going through hard trials, but thank God, we are saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and belong to the Church of God.—Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Gen. Del., Melrose, N. Mex.

Will you, dear family of God, help me pray for the Holy Ghost? Everyone please pray for us, and pray earnestly that God will touch my husband's heart, save him and give him the Holy Ghost. —Mrs. W. L. Williams, Moniac, Ga.

Please pray a special prayer for my daughter, Lorine, who has the dropsy, and also pray for me. I have high blood pressure and a crippled hip which bothers me a lot. Pray for a friend, Ruby Elam. Brother Rouse, if you see this, please have a special prayer for us. —Mrs. Lucille Coats, Rt. 1, Pioneer, La.

Pray for me that I will get closer to the Lord and be given up to His will. Pray for my unsaved children. Pray for one who belongs to the Church that she will live such a good life that her husband will be turned to the Lord. Pray for our pastor, Brother Wilkins, and for the church here.—Birdie Manning, R. F. D. 1, Scottsboro, Ala.

Pray for the revival here at Teague that people will get saved and that they will be healed. I am getting letters from all over the world to pray for people to be healed. Pray for me that I will do just what God would have me do. I have sent twenty anointed handkerchiefs. Some write and tell about getting healed for which I praise God. Since the Lord has given me the gift of healing, I want to stay at His feet for my prayers to go out for suffering people. Pray much for a man who has been in a serious condition for three years.—Mrs. Birtia Upchurch, Teague, Tex.

Pray earnestly for me. I have some kind of fits and if God doesn't heal me, I know I won't get healed for He is all the healing medicine we have and can fully trust. I want to trust Him "though he slay me." Fast and pray with me. Also pray that I will draw closer to the Lord.—Mrs. Bessie Faircloth, Rt. 2, Summit, Ga.

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my mother. She has been sick for a long time and is getting worse, but I know God is able to heal if we will only have enough faith. I also want you to pray for my unsaved brothers and sisters that the Lord will save their souls before it is too late, and pray for me that I will get closer to the Lord and do the little things He would have me do.—Hazel Smith, 1013 S. 6th St., Wilmington, N. C.

NOTICES

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There is an old-time Church of God tent meeting now in progress at Burnt Cabins, Pa. Fifteen have been been saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and God is working in a wonderful way. Mrs. Nona Dame of Sesser, Ill. is the evangelist in charge. Please pray for this campaign.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Princeton, W. Va. August 14. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket, stay all day and enjoy a good day with the Lord. We are planning to have good preaching, singing and special music and a good time in the Lord throughout the day.

We are in a revival at the Church of God at Weyanoke, W. Va. with Brother R. D. Kohn, evangelist, in charge and the Lord is wonderfully blessing. Please pray for the success of this meeting. —C. J. Norris, clerk, Matooka, W. Va.

A revival starts July 17 at the Church of God in Hendersonville, N. C. with Brother R. L. Davis doing the preaching. Everybody come and help us. If you can't come, pray.—J. H. Brooks, pastor, Rt. 3, Box 293, Hendersonville, N. C.

We are pleased to announce that the Oklahoma state camp meeting will be held at Maud, July 20-31. We cordially invite all who can to come and enjoy a good feast with the Lord and His people. We have invited Brother R. P. Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, to come. Brother Rouse, Brother Bloomingdale and other preachers will be with us. Come and bring a pillow and blanket and stay awhile for all things are ready.—Wm. Schneidmueller, district overseer, Box 513, Maud, Okla.

State Conventions

July 14-17 (inclusive) — Western Canada.

July 14-17—Oklahoma.

July 14-17—Georgia.

July 21-24—Kansas.

July 21-24—Alabama.

July 28-31—Texas.

July 28-31—Kentucky.

August 4-7—Pennsylvania.

August 4-7—Louisiana.

August 11-14—Maine.

Number of Evangels Going Out Every Week

As Counted July 7

We wish to express our appreciation for the faithful work of the people in the states, their cooperation in getting Evangel subscriptions. We notice that Alabama is still ahead. North Carolina also made a good increase this time; this is to be greatly appreciated. In fact, we feel grateful to all the overseers for their hearty cooperation. The rolls have made it possible for many to receive the Evangel who wouldn't have otherwise. We ought to have going from this office every week 15,000 papers, but it is hard to increase the circulation on the paper as some are expiring every week. Now we want every state overseer to keep working hard until the Assembly so as to make our circulation as large as possible. May the Lord bless you in your efforts.—Editor.

	Subscriptions	Increase	Decrease	No. in Rolls	Increase	Decrease
Alabama	946	222		47		30
N. Carolina	880	210		178		41
Florida	643		30	185	104	
S. Carolina	541		85	20		12
Georgia	476		1	25		35
Kentucky	335		21	37		17
Tennessee	302		21	312	44	
Mississippi	258		6			10
Texas	233		23	63		
W. Virginia	241	14		138	6	
Ohio	157	1		64	20	
Arkansas	122		16			
Virginia	119		7	42	10	
Illinois	109		22	34		34
Pennsylvania	104		6	60		10
Louisiana	99		3			
N. Dakota	88	2		10		
Oklahoma	85		17	25		12
Missouri	78		64			
Maryland	63					
Michigan	58		26	30		8
California	51		6	10	10	
N. Mexico	50		1			
Montana	35	1				
Kansas	33		4			
S. Dakota	30		45			
Indiana	25		10	32		13
Arizona	23		4			
Minnesota	18		10			
Maine	17		2	15		10
Washington	12	3		10		
Colorado	9	1				10
Massachusetts	9	3				10
Oregon	8		1	10		
Nebraska	7		7			10

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Wyoming	7		3			
Iowa	7		2	30	30	
New York	7	1				15
Wash., D. C.	7	4		10		
N. Hampshire	6	2				
Idaho	4		9	13	13	
Delaware	4		5			24
Nevada	2	1				
Utah	1		1			
Connecticut	1					
Wisconsin			3			
New Jersey			2			
Vermont			1			
Jamaica	32	6		52		
China	2		1	3		
Barbados				3		
Bahama Is.	52	13		12		
Cuba	1					
Bermuda	6					
Japan	3					
India	9	1		3		
Hawaii	6	4				
Haiti	3		2			
Egypt	1					
Canada	27					
Africa	2	1				
Jerusalem	1					
Wales	1					
Canal Zone	3					
Scotland	1					
S. America	2		2			
Mexico	2					
Germany	1					
England	1					
Cen. America	3	1				
Total	6,469	Total	1,473			

How Will Your State Be Standing at the Assembly?

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MISSION PAGE

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a very hard field indeed, yet God blessed and used us there to His honor and glory. From Grenada we were sent to Georgetown, Demerara, where we labored under the blessing of God for over two years, when my wife's health broke down and the doctor ordered her to be removed to one of the islands. This gave us the opportunity of returning to Barbados, where God gave us three very happy and useful years in His service.

We were next sent to Antigua, where God also greatly used and made us a blessing. Many souls were won for the Master. From Antigua we were sent to the Isthmus of Panama, where we spent five very blessed years, many souls being saved and sanctified under our ministry, and the writer was used much in the work of erecting better buildings for the work there.

In 1919 we went to Canada for a rest and vacation. We returned to the West Indies in 1920, Barbados being our field of labor. We were now working with the Pilgrim Holiness people and during the two years that we spent in the work at St. Philips, we had the joy of seeing over two hundred souls kneel in our meetings seeking God and deliverance from sin. We were sent from here, much against the wishes of our superintendent and the people we were serving, to St. Croix. This proved to be a very hard and trying field, but God made Himself very real to us and gave us souls in our meetings, and friends to help us. From here we were sent to Saba, a Dutch Island, and a very hard and trying field it proved to be, so hilly, and very difficult to get about among the people. After being here for about two years Mrs. Winter's health again gave cause for anxiety, and the doctor viewed it as very serious. He asked for the address of the Headquarters for the mission, and wrote himself, asking that we be removed where Mrs. Winter could be in some level place near the sea. While I could not ignore the advice of the doctor, I felt it my duty to give the Mission Board a chance to make the necessary change for us, which they promised to do as soon as possible. But owing to the depression that had set in and they were very hard up financially, it seemed that they could not come to our help. I waited for nearly two more years, and the doctor kept asking me if I was going to let my wife remain in Saba and die when a change to a near-by island would save her life. During this time the Methodist church offered me a charge on the Island of St. Martin that would be ideal so far as my wife's health was concerned, and a great opportunity for me to preach in a much larger field. With this offer before me I waited for almost another year, but it seemed that the Mission Board could not make the change we needed, at least for some time. So I finally gave them notice that I had decided to accept the offer that the Methodists had made me nearly a year ago, and of which I had acquainted them. So we went to St. Martin where my wife's health very rapidly improved, and God gave us seven very happy and useful years of service, with many souls during our stay in St. Martin.

From St. Martin we came to Barbados, where we met Brother Ingram in 1937, and God led us to cast in our lot here with the Church of God. God has been with us during the year, and has blessed us and made us a blessing among the people. Souls are being saved and sanctified in our meetings. There is certainly a great opportunity for the Church of God here in Barbados. I am glad that God sent Brother Ingram here, and God being my helper I mean to do all I can to see the work grow and prosper under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I praise God that He sent the Church of God here and has given me the privilege of being one of His workers to give the full gospel to hungry souls. All glory and praise to our Redeemer, for all His goodness in leading and keeping and providing for us all these years, and for the assurance that He has been with us all the way.—His and yours all for Jesus, J. B. Winter, evangelist.

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Mission Receipts

For April, May, June, 1938:

Alabama	$ 471.71
Arkansas	253.86
Arizona	3.20
California	25.95
Colorado	.65
Delaware	8.48
Dist. of Columbia	15.42
Florida	1,027.51
Georgia	518.46
Indiana	138.89
Illinois	484.32
Iowa	101.87
Kansas	15.42
Kentucky	318.50
Louisiana	22.66
Maine	5.74
Maryland	153.28
Michigan	27.39
Mississippi	629.82
Missouri	44.43
Massachusetts	1.75
Minnesota	12.55
Montana	9.59
North Carolina	714.69
North Dakota	42.24
Nebraska	6.31
New Hampshire	3.50
New Mexico	31.42
New York	.75
Ohio	168.32
Oklahoma	13.74
Oregon	5.19
Pennsylvania	123.00
South Carolina	277.18
South Dakota	85.49
Tennessee	405.90
Texas	85.05
Virginia	35.24
West Virginia	570.98
Washington	5.37
Colored Work	5.87

TRIALS

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ance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth," Heb. 11:35-38.

Christ is spoken of as the suffering servant. Patiently He endured all for our sake. He is a beautiful example of patient suffering. The spirit of long-suffering is essential for Christians today when confronted with trials.

Looking forward to the conflicts through which some must pass, Christ gave this message through John: "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

We find another cheering promise made to those who endure trials and temptations: James 1:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

There's never a night but is followed by day,
And the darkest to dawn must give place;
There's never a sorrow that crosses our way,
But is sent with a message of grace.
It comes to the peasant, it comes to the king,
It comes in our pleasures and pain;
It comes from the Father of mercies, to bring
To His fold His own dear ones again.

O Soul! is thy burden too heavy to bear?
Does the load seem too weighty for one?
There's a helper at hand all thy sorrow to share,
'Tis thy Father's own well beloved Son;
Then cast every burden on Jesus thy Lord,
And thy troubles will quickly depart;
Make every sweet promise in His precious Word
An entrance to His loving heart.

—Rev. John Williams.

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